



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 15-048: HARDING CHANNEL OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL

**Description of Proposal:**

The proposed project includes the removal of reed canary grass and sediment along 2,200 LF of Sheep Creek. This vegetation has impeded channel flows resulting in a breach into the adjacent crop field. The property owner has historically used this land for agricultural crops. Excavation (about 1,800 cy of material) will take place from downstream to upstream. Excavated material will be removed and placed to the north of the creek bank.

Vegetation removal of primarily reed canary grass will be done to return the drainage channel to the pre-existing channel conditions. There are areas that contain cattails and other wet soil based plants that will not be disturbed. Any trees, bushes and woody debris will not be removed. The excavated material will be broadcast north of the drainage channel bank. Work will occur during dry seasonal conditions to minimize erosion impacts from equipment and machinery. Please see the attached site plan map provided for reference in Appendix A. The drainage channel will be re-channeled to maintain the southernmost alignment. See attached plans in Appendix A. Excavation will only occur in dry channel areas. No excavation will occur where water is present.

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Sheep Creek near SR 23, NW of Sprague, Lincoln County, Washington: Township 22N, Range 37E, Section 35.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on September 25, 2015**.

**Method of Comment:** The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** September 11, 2015

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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